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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference AR314WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Form PCT/IPEA/416
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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

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sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II	Priority
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ 1-9 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____ 1-15 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages _____ 1/4-4/4 _____, as originally filed/furnished

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (specify): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (specify): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

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International application No.
PCT/DE 01987

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The present application deals with a film feed mechanism for the intermittent transport of a film in a motion-picture camera.

Each of the citations US-A-3 791 566, US-A-4 003 647, US-A-3 774 828 and US-A-3 524 573 can be regarded as the closest prior art, which is rendered in the preamble of independent claim 1. A film feed mechanism which comprises a transport claw and a transport mechanism is known from the prior art. The transport claw consists of a transport claw sprocket having at least one transport claw tip at one end.

The problem addressed by the application in relation to that prior art is that of obtaining a film feed mechanism in which the inevitable deformation of the transport claw tips due to the mass forces developing thereon as a function of the film transport speed is compensated and the exact length of travel is thereby maintained, thus ensuring a constant length of travel over the entire image frequency range of the motion-picture camera during a film transport step of the transport claw. This problem is solved by varying the kinematics of the transport claw in accordance with the film transport speed. Neither this problem nor the solution is known or derivable from the prior art.

The features of dependent claims 2 to 15 are directed to advantageous embodiments of the device as per claim 1.

The criteria of PCT Article 33(2) and (3) can therefore be regarded as satisfied.

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The contents of the citation DE-A-38 35 329, which is cited on page 1 of the description, do not correspond to the prior art set forth on that page.